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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Thomas Terwee et al	:	Paper No.:	
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Filing Date:	November 28, 2001	:	Examiner:	K. Landrem
For:	Device for Use in Eye Surgery			

REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2004. Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2004 for three months from November 11, 2004 to February 11, 2005.

Please charge the extension fee of \$1,020.00 to our Visa credit card. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 04-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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